

49th Ward Aldermanic Debate
January 15, 2019
Sullivan High School Auditorium



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Proposed rules for January 15, 2019 Aldermanic Debate

The 49th Ward Aldermanic Debate is presented for interested residents and voters to hear from candidates running for 49th Ward Alderman. Participation by one or more sponsoring organizations does not imply an endorsement of any candidate or candidate position, nor opposition thereof. These proposed rules are modeled on rules provided by the League of Women Voters of Illinois. Candidates should review the rules and signify acceptance by signing and returning a copy in the appropriate place provided at the end of the rules.

1. The League will provide a moderator from outside the voting district
2. The moderator will summarize the rules and format for the audience. The moderator will be responsible for enforcing the time limits and may interrupt the proceedings to enforce the ground rules.
3. Every candidate who is eligible to be on the February 2019 ballot will be invited to participate in the debate. If a candidate who is invited is ruled ineligible for the election prior to the debate, that candidate will not be allowed to participate in the debate.
4. If a candidate is unable to attend the forum, he or she may send a representative to read a prepared statement lasting no more than 2 minutes. However, the representative may not answer questions on behalf of the candidate.
5. If only one candidate attends, the participating candidate may only make his/her opening statement and will not be allowed to answer questions. However, he/she may participate in a meet and greet session at the end of the event.

6. A candidate's opening statement will not exceed 2 minutes. It shall include the candidate's qualifications and reason he or she is seeking office. Order in which opening statements will be made will be determined by lot upon arrival at the event.
7. No visual aids will be permitted.
8. A candidate's closing statement will be limited to 1½ minutes. Closing statements will be made in reverse order from opening statements.
9. The sponsoring organizations may develop questions for the candidates, but will not divulge these questions to any candidate or to the Moderator prior to the event. Questions presented from the co-sponsoring organizations will be posed to the candidates at the moderator's discretion.
10. Index cards will be given to audience members to submit questions to the moderator. Sponsoring organizations shall provide volunteers to collect the questions, but the organizations shall not read, edit, or screen questions that have been provided by the audience.
11. Questions may be sorted prior to being given to the Moderator to eliminate duplicates and may be reworded by the Moderator for clarity and/or neutrality.
12. All candidates will have the opportunity to answer each question posed. Candidates will have one minute to respond. If a question is directed to one specific candidate, he or she will have one minute to respond. Any other candidate choosing to respond will be given one minute to do so. Candidates will rotate being the first to respond to a question.
13. Upon agreement from the candidates, the moderator will have the authority to shorten or lengthen candidate response times.
14. Candidates will restrict themselves to answering questions posed by the moderator or the audience. Exchanges between candidates will be ruled out of order.
15. Timekeepers and time cards visible to the candidates will give candidates notice of their remaining time on each question or statement. Unused time may not be carried over to later questions or statements.
16. Campaign hats, signs, etc. must not be worn or displayed inside the auditorium. Campaign literature must not be circulated among the audience. A table outside the auditorium will be provided for campaign materials and position papers.

17. The moderator has the responsibility for enforcing time limits and has the authority to interrupt the proceeding to enforce these rules agreed upon by the candidates.
18. The moderator will have the authority to adjust scheduled time slots for reasons such as, but not limited to, “no-show” candidates.
19. The sponsoring organizations have the right to record (video and audio) the forum and disseminate recordings for uses including, but not limited to, cablecast, broadcast, newscast, organization websites, social networking websites and organization blogs.
20. No voice, image, or other duplication of the debate may be used by any candidate's representative or campaign in any campaign advertising.
21. A sign language interpreter will be provided for those hearing impaired individuals who request one at least two weeks in advance of the event.

I agree with and hereby agree to abide by the format and rules for the debate.

Candidate name printed

Date

Candidate signature